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SUBJECT: GREEK MFA ISSUES STATEMENT CRITICAL OF NORTH  
KOREAN MISSILE LAUNCHES

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[1](#)1. (U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on 6 July to MFA  
spokesman George Koumoutsakos. On the same day, Koumoutsakos  
released the following statement during a briefing with  
diplomatic journalists and foreign correspondents (also  
posted on the MFA's website: [www.mfa.gr](http://www.mfa.gr)).

[1](#)2. (U) Begin text of statement:

Yesterday's launching of ballistic missiles by North Korea  
gives rise to particular concern. The Greek government  
condemns this action, which does not contribute to global  
security and peace, and which creates serious problems for  
the effort to limit the proliferation of weapons of mass  
destruction.

Greece, as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council,  
is already collaborating closely with the other member states  
of the Council to send the necessary message to North Korea.

End Text.  
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